

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
CalWORKs WELFARE-TO-WORK (WTW)
GRANT PROGRAM
ADDENDUM 9/30/00**

Imperial County is amending its CalWORKs Plan as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 382 (Chapter 6, Statutes of 1998) and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10531(q). This addendum is to provide the California Department of Social Services with essential information regarding the local coordination for the use of the State WTW Grant matching funds, the development of workable linkages with other related programs and assurance that innovative strategies are being used to meet the needs of the hardest-to-employ welfare recipients.

AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING

We have been working closely with the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) with its 85 percent Welfare-to-Work Program and the Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program's 15 percent "Project Trabajo" WTW grant. Both of these grants serve different geographical divisions in our County and the CWD is the initial point of referral for TANF recipients to those Programs. Eligibility is then determined by the Imperial County Office of Employment Training.

Given the new eligible populations-non-custodial parents, working poor, and former foster care adults 18-24, new linkages and partnerships have been developed. The Plan is to serve 100 eligible adults in those categories this year using our CalWORKs WTW Grant Funding augmented by some of our CalWORKs enhancement funds as those funds are to:

- *Improve the quality of jobs provided to recipients
(e.g. the working poor)
- *Help individuals attain long-term self-sufficiency
(e.g. non-custodial parents and former foster care adults, 18-24)

CalWORKs identified those TANF recipients currently deferred as working at least 32 hours/week as initially, being "working poor". Our local Housing

Authorities have also agreed to assist with the recruitment of this population. CWD's Children's Services has identified a list of foster care adults, 18-24.

Overall, we plan to partner with the Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program which has already made the connection with our County's District Attorney's Office to start providing services to non-custodial parents as part of their Project Trabajo. This would enlarge their involvement with all three of these newly eligible populations to become a county-wide effort.

Historically, in our CalWORKs Program, we have had excellent results with this partnership.

The Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program proposes with Project PRIDE (Promoting Responsibility, Integrity, Determination and Economic self-sufficiency) providing case management, vocational and basic skills training, on-the-job training, job coaching, employability, and job readiness skills. Support services will include: Childcare, Transportation, Referrals to Mental Health, and the Housing Authorities as needed.